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YUGOSLAV-SOVIET RELATIONS

CHRONOLOGY

I. Four phases to "normalization" campaign -

- A. June-December '53 - starts with June appointment of Soviet Ambassador to Yugoslavia: little by either side for rest of year.
- B. January-April '54 - Lull.
- C. May to mid-September '54 - campaign resumed - (small-scale trade, apology for maltreatment of Yugo diplomats in USSR.)
- D. Mid-September to present - intensified phase.

II. Position in mid-September '54 was -

- A. Diplomatic: Full representation (ambassadors or ministers) with all Satellites except Poland. Border incidents at end following establishment of joint border commissions.

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8. Trade: Barter with Hungary, Czechoslovakia, East Germany (total value \$8 million each way), rail interchange regularized, improved relations on Danube River traffic.
9. Propaganda: Attacks virtually ended on both sides.
10. Political: Soviet Ambassador had visited Tito twice .

III. Chronology Mid-September to Present

- 16 Sept Moscow starts quoting Yugoslav press, leaders.
- 19 Sept Tito says "normalization" efforts will be received with "good will" but not permitted to alter ties with West.
- 21 Sept Rumanian Ambassador lays wreath at tomb of unknown Yugo soldier

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26-27 Sept Soviet press references to  
economic progress in Yugoslavia

27 Sept Guardedly favorable Yugoslav  
press reaction to announced  
dissolution of Soviet-Rumanian  
joint stock companies.

29 Sept Anti-Tito radio in Rumania  
goes off air.

1 Oct Small trade agreement (\$2.5  
million each way by year's  
end) with USSR.

4 Oct Warsaw pulls all anti-Tito  
books.

11 Oct Agreement on high-level trade  
talks.

13 Oct Vyshinsky "takes cognizance"  
of Trieste settlement.

13 Oct Yugoslavs admit granting  
Soviet request for permission  
for commercial overflight

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13 Oct Yugoslav emigre propaganda  
mills in Orbit reported  
abolished.

13 Oct Chinese Communist embassies  
reported inviting Yugoslav  
diplomats to national day  
parties.

13 Oct Yugoslav press interprets  
dissolution of Soviet-Chinese  
joint companies as change in  
policy, as well as methods.

14 Oct Radio Belgrade's transmissions  
in Russia no longer jammed.

16-20 Oct On tenth anniversary Belgrade  
liberation, USSR press and  
radio plug Yugoslav partisans.

25 Oct Tito says he hopes for con-  
tinuation of "normalization

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26 Oct Tito tells Stassen that  
Gussians know they must not  
expect "normalization" to  
alter Yugo cooperation with  
West and that talk of return  
to the Orbit was "arrant  
nonsense."

26 Oct Yugo ambassador received by  
Bulgarian premier (first such  
meeting in Satellites).

30 Oct Yugoslav and Soviet exchange  
of films under negotiation.

6 Nov Politburo member Saburov, in  
major speech, plugs improved  
relations with Yugo, pledges  
continued efforts - Khrushchev  
tells Yugo ambassador that  
statement was "carefully  
examined" decision.

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4 Nov Tito adds "personal wishes" to those of Yugo people in congratulations to Voroshilov on Soviet national holiday.

11 Nov Yugo internal radio sees signs of decentralization of Soviet economic administration (as in Yugo).

14 Nov Belgrade accepts Polish Ambassador (completes Satellites).

21 Nov Tito says Yugos, while favoring idea of such meeting, won't attend Soviet European Security conference.

28 Nov Malenkov, Khrushchev, Molotov and Bulganin - attending a reception at the Yugoslav embassy - toast "Comrade Tito and the Communist Party of Yugoslavia."

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29 Nov        Some Satellite premiers attend  
                 Yugoslav national holiday  
                 receptions.

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